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92nd Assembly District



Chair, Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

TO: Members, Assembly Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

FROM: Terry Musser, Committee Chair

DATE: January 13, 1999

RE: Clearinghouse Rule 98-165

The enclosed administrative rule, prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs, was referred to the Assembly Veterans and Military Affairs Committee on Tuesday, January 12, 1999.

The rule will allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to expend additional funds for dentures under the health care aid grant program.

Our Committee has 30 days, or until Wednesday, February 10th to review the rule.

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PROPOSED ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADOPTING RULES

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs hereby proposes an order to amend VA 2.01(2)(b)2., relating to the expenditure limitation for dentures under the health care aid grant program.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Statutory authority: s.45.35(3), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s.45.351(lj), Stats.

The amendment of VA 2.01(2)(b)2. will enable the Department to expend additional funds for dentures under the health care aid grant program. The demand for dentures under the program is significant. The additional expenditure authority will permit the Department to expend \$300,000 during this fiscal year for dentures rather than the current limit of \$50,000.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. VA 2.01(2)(b)2. is amended to read:

VA 2.01(2)(b)2. Dental care. Health care aid for dental care shall be limited to extractions, fillings, dentures and denture repairs, unless related to health care provided as a result of accidental injury. The department shall expend not more than \$35,000 in fiscal year 1991-92 and not more than \$50,000 25% of the total amount appropriated for the health care aid grant program in any subsequent fiscal year for the payment of all claims for dentures under s.45.351(1)(a), s.45.351(lj). Stats.

The creation of the rule contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s.227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, January 4, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

RAYMOND G. BOLAND, SECRETARY